

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following paragraphs to page 12, after the paragraph ending at line 15:

In yet another embodiment, the invention relates to a method and system for performing a task via a computer network. Means are provided for receiving a request to perform a task from a task assigner via at least one first communication medium; converting the request from the at least one first communication medium to digital text; using the text to determine the task; requesting additional information if required to complete the task; performing the task via a host and data in a computer network; and responding to a recipient with information from the completed task via at least one second communication medium.

In various forms of this invention, the request includes contact information for network hosts, databases, and recipients. The first and second communication mediums may be different or the same. The communication mediums may be speech communication via a public service telephone system or an IP network. The communication mediums may be via a landline phone, a mobile phone, email, a fax, a pager, or a database.

The contact information may be used to determine the task and wherein the contact information is obtained from at least one of the network hosts, databases, and recipients. The step for determining the task may include querying a database and/or a remote host. The task can be changed during the execution of the task.

The conversion step may include translating speech to text. The invention may also include the step of converting the information from the completed task into the second communication medium which may also include translating text to speech.

In one preferred version of the invention, the task assigner and the recipient includes a plurality of concurrent task assigners and recipients. The task assigner may even be the recipient.